

Livingston County

HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE BODY

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Abilities Alliance
Foster, Adoption, &
Kinship Services
Homeless Continuum of Care
Transportation Coalition
Funding Partners
Community Needs
Mental Health Awareness
Substance Use Disorders
Hunger Council

In partnership with:

Livingston Leadership
Council on Aging
&
Great Start Livingston

Our collaborative efforts are essential.

This last year has flown by, and we are excited about the direction we are headed. During 2022, we demonstrated, again and again, our collaborative strengths and made clear that when it comes to Livingston County, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. This is because we are an ambitious and caring community that sets high goals, and we have talented teams to carry these out.

The difficulties that we seek to overcome are not small.

The work we are doing is more relevant than ever. The services we provide are an integral part of people's lives. Our persons served rely on us to keep them connected and informed while bridging gaps and meeting the needs of individuals, families, and our community.

We have problems which we attack with solutions.

2023 is set to be another exciting year for us. We can look forward to working on the many initiatives our community organizations, agencies, and work groups focus on. We do this while delivering the best services, providing outstanding customer experiences, and striving to make sure that no one is unserved or marginalized.

We are fortunate to have each other.

We want to thank you for your continued dedication and effort. Each of us has an important role to play in the work ahead and together we will achieve remarkable and wonderful things.

We wish you and your loved ones a happy and successful 2023!

Anita Gibson

HSCB MISSION

Ensuring a system of support for members of our community.

HSCB VALUES

- We believe the needs of children, adults, and families drive our planning and services.
- We believe that collaboration means shared stewardship of community resources for the common good of Livingston County.
- We believe that collaboration requires broad community representation.
- We believe the HSCB is responsible for developing continuums of service from prevention to treatment.
- We believe the HSCB should ensure that community members needing services from multiple agencies receive services as efficiently and effectively as possible by creating systems of care.
- We believe that the HSCB should provide a caring community for Livingston County residents by supporting each other's work.

Stabilizing Housing

The Homeless Continuum of Care Committee works to stabilize housing.

This year in Livingston County:

- \$274,596 was used to stabilize existing homes for 301 households through rent assistance.
- \$206,194 was used to keep the heat and the lights on in 354 households.
- \$244,619 was used to provide temporary shelter for 845 households.

The importance of eviction diversion cannot be overstated. Keeping people housed is homelessness prevention. It actually costs less to keep someone housed than to help them out of homelessness.

COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program:

- From March 15 - September 30, 2022
- 590 households
- \$5,430,046 spent to keep people housed



Livingston County
Homeless Continuum of Care Committee

Community Events

- 277 Individuals Impacted on February 5 at Community Connect
- Connect for Kids Event on August 11, 2022 distributed 1,416 Backpacks at 5 sites
- 250 People attended the Overdose Awareness Day Event on August 31, 2022
- \$1,726 raised through online fundraiser and in person event, 9,558 people engaged on Facebook throughout the month as part of Homeless Awareness Month (November 2022)



tackling **HUNGER** together

The Livingston County Hunger Council ensures no one goes hungry in our community by maintaining a Food Response System. 2022 Program highlights include:

- **8,079** meals and snacks were provided at 5 locations during Summer Lunch Bunch which supports children and families during the summer.
- A total of **3,138** seniors were served weekend meals by Meals on Wheels.
- **46** Food distribution sites, available throughout the county, have distributed **2 million** Gleaners' meals.
- **110,000** pounds of food through Mission Nutrition Mobiles.

- **2,500** pounds of fresh produce were grown in a local community garden and **8** fresh produce carts were spread across Livingston County.
- Mission Nutrition Livingston served **4,115 individuals** at school food mobiles (1,124 families).
- The Hunger Council created a new subcommittee - **Food Resource Strategy Subcommittee** to help address the gaps created by the impact of inflation.
- The Steering Committee of **16 agencies** is proud of this collaborative work and is looking forward to the future.



The Facts!

The **Community Needs Assessment Workgroup** reviewed local survey results, updated the resource list and guide, and updated 12 Fact Sheets. Check out these resources:

2022 Resource List

Fact Sheets are found on the CNA Workgroup Page

Updated Fact Sheets include:

- Financial Stability in the Economy
- Prescription Drugs and Opiates
- Older Adult
- Homeless Youth
- Child Maltreatment
- Healthy Habits for Youth
- Underage Drinking
- LGBTQ Adult and Youth
- Hunger
- Recovery
- Housing

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

The Mental Health Awareness Workgroup focused on sharing resources and providing training opportunities this year. **Seven people** attended the VA SAVES Training, **200 HS students** participated in a mental health presentation, and the mental health awareness card was updated and shared.

The Foster care, Adoption, and Kinship care Services Workgroup (FAKS) helped to recruit **32 newly licensed homes for foster care**. **222 people** received holiday cheer at a drive-through event in December 2021. A revamped online training drive gives foster families access to training when convenient for them.

Wraparound services, provided by the Funding Partners Workgroup, were provided to **67 children** and these services focus on improving outcomes and helping kids remain in the community.

ADDRESSING TRAUMA

The Trauma-Informed Workgroup helped providers and families implement care with Trauma in mind.

- 3 trauma assessments and consultations were completed
- 16 people were trained in trauma
- The team is made up of staff from CMH, LESA, LACASA, and parent representatives

Supporting Transportation Service

The Transportation Coalition continues to work on implementing the Master Plan recommendations and non-motorized initiatives. This past year, LETS ridership steadily increased to near pre-pandemic levels! One major factor that helped increase ridership was the launch of the LETSGo! App, which gives another way to book rides with LETS. In October 2022, 21% of rides were booked on the app.

The Transportation Coalition continues to meet virtually to get the most participation from the partners. Starting in 2023 the Transportation Coalition will be updating their workgroup charge to better reflect the changes and progress that has been made. The coalition will meet every other month starting in February 2023.

Creating an Informed Community through Education

- New this year, **Collaborative Conversations with Amy** covered a variety of topics including how to access services at CMH, DHHS, the Housing System, and Veterans Services. Additional topics included resources for early childhood, prevention, homelessness, and the LETS app. **There were a total of 286 attendees this year!**
- **109 professionals** from **36 agencies** were trained through the 2022 Funding Partners Core Competency Training Series.
- The **Substance Use Disorders Workgroup** reached **2,404** people at **34** community prevention and recovery activities, including two trainings co-hosted with the Funding Partners: An Introduction to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder and Lethal Means Safety.
- **Abilities Alliance Workgroup** received **102 responses** to the 2022 Disability Needs in Livingston County survey. The group published the results in a comprehensive report. The greatest unmet needs include: social/recreational, independent living, and help finding in-home or personal care.

GREAT START LIVINGSTON

Great Start Livingston builds community connections to support families of young children.

Great Start Livingston provided many opportunities for children and families to build developmental skills for school and life. This included parent workshops, play dates, parent cafés, a Social and Emotional Resource Guide, and many opportunities to connect with parents through meetings, emails, social media, in-person events, and more. These various activities are open to all Livingston County families with young children. Great Start Livingston is finalizing the strategic plan and working to transition the workgroups to further support families and young children.

Hoarding Task Force

The Hoarding Task Force continues to refine the purpose and direction of the workgroup. Members of the group have joined a Network for Hoarding Professionals organization and recently the Task Force voted on a name change. The workgroup is now called the **Home Health and Safety Coalition**.

Over **275** children, parents, and community members participated in workshops, playdates, trainings, and more.



Livingston Leadership Council on Aging

The LLCOA continued to meet and work on behalf of seniors. Highlights from this year include:

- Hosted a Senior Center Director Luncheon and 33 people attended including elected officials. The Senior Center Directors shared each center's needs
- United Way submitted an American Rescue Plan Act grant on behalf of LLCOA
- Explored other funding sources and resources for older adult programming including creating a flyer highlighting the local senior centers

THERE IS ONE IN YOUR AREA

BRIGHTON SENIOR CENTER
890 SHERIDAN RD, BRIGHTON
Service Area: Livingston County
(810) 299-3817

FOWLERVILLE SENIOR CENTER
203 N. COLLINS ST, FOWLERVILLE
Service Area: Chatham, Twig, Conway, Twig, Fowerville, Handy Twig, Isoco Twig
(817) 223-9929

HAMBURG SENIOR CENTER
10407 HUMBOLDT RD, HAMBURG
Service Area: Livingston and Washington County
(919) 223-0460

HARTLAND SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
9225 HIGHLAND RD, HOWELL
Service Area: Livingston County
(810) 626-2155

HOWELL SENIOR CENTER
1661 NORTH LATSON RD, HOWELL
Service Area: Livingston County
(817) 545-0219

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER
2200 S. W. 30, PUTNAM TWP
Service Area: Livingston County
(734) 878-1810

YOUR LOCAL
Senior Centers

A place for social connection, recreation, and fun!
Engage with your local senior centers and reconnect!

BENEFITS OF SENIOR CENTER MEMBERSHIP

- Be connected.
- Be fit.
- Be social.
- Engage with resources, and classes.
- And much more!

Say yes to new adventures

Livingston Leadership Council on Aging

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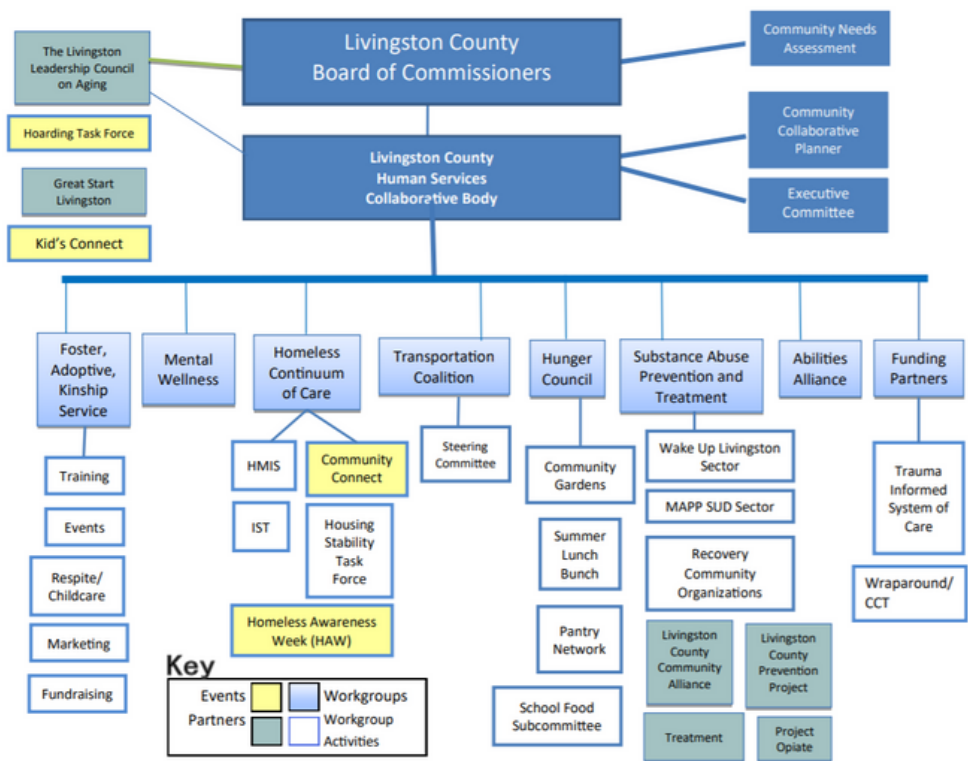
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Thank
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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

